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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PIKET ET AL.

Examiner

ALEXANDER JAMAL

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Based upon the submitted amendment, the examiner notes that claims 1,2,4,5,7,10 have been amended and claims 6,9,10,15,17,21-26 have been cancelled, and claim 27 has been added.
2. Examiner notes that applicant has admitted (remarks page 14) that the 'playback' system 585 is prior art. Applicant contends that one skilled in the art would know that circuit comprises switchable inputs (as it is not disclosed in applicant's specification). If the switchable inputs are admitted prior art then examiner contends that the entire circuit is known prior art.
3. Examiner notes that applicant has argued that claim 13 is enabled by Fig. 7, and that location information generator 792 is 'coupled to' a transceiver. The examiner notes that the generator 792 is only 'coupled to' transceiver 780 via echo canceller circuit 510. As such, the examiner notes that applicant's use of the term 'coupled to' may be read with any intervening circuitry.
4. Based on the above assertions, the examiner withdraws the objections to the drawings and specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. **Claims 1-27** rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims use the terms “at least attenuated downlink data and pre echo canceller uplink data”. It is not clear how applicant’s specification enables both of those items together or with any other terms be utilized.

Also, the phrase “at least the uplink echo return loss”, is used in the claims it is not clear what other items are produced.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner notes that the claims would be allowable over the prior art of record if all the phrases “at least” were removed from the claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Jamal whose telephone number is 571-272-7498. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-6PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Curtis A Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone numbers for the organization

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where this application or proceeding is assigned are **571-273-8300** for regular communications and **571-273-8300** for After Final communications.

/Alexander Jamal/

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Examiner Alexander Jamal

October 22, 2008